[President.]

mental things which cannot be departed from. The constitution on that basis, is being framed and it is hoped to be ready in about a couple of months. As soon as that is ready, whatever may happen or may not happen in British India a kind of conference will be summoned and the opinion of the people obtained. That is all I wish to say.

PROCEDURE REGARDING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET AND THE VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

The debate on the budget will begin today with a general discussion followed by the voting of demands for grants from the next day. The maximum of four days allowed under Rule 74 of the Legislative Rules has been allotted for the latter. The demands will be discussed in the order in which they appear in the printed list placed in your hands. The demand under III—Public Works Department, including Water Works and Drainage may be discussed for two hours, and not more than one hour will be allotted for each of the remaining demands. If the time taken up for questions and answers is less than an hour, the remaining time will also be available to the House for the voting of demands, but such available time will not go to increase the time allotted for any one demand, and will only enable the House to reach more demands.

Honourable members of the Council are, of course, aware that they should discuss each demand as a whole, and vote upon it as a whole, without moving for the reduction of any grant or of any item in a grant. To enable the discussion of each demand in the Council, it is not necessary that the members should send in any specific motion, and the Council will have the right to assent or refuse its assent to any demand when it is put to the House.

During the general discussion no member other than the Financial Secretary will be allowed more than 15 minutes, and in the voting of demands for grants the time limit for speeches for members will be 10 minutes. I hope honourable members will so adjust their speeches as to make it possible for a large number of their colleagues including the official members to participate in the debate.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : With regard to the discussion on the demands, I move that the following order may be accepted.

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President : Yes. The list that Honourable members have is the list as discussed by the Assembly.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : I want some change in that. I move that the order may be as follows, 4, 5, 6.....

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : This is the original list and not the list as discussed in the Assembly.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : I move that the order may be like this ; 4, 5, 6, 3, 20, 10, 11, 39, 9, 17, 18, 16, 22, 35.

President : It is generally found that there is no adequate discussion on certain matters which are important. Honourable members know that item No. 4, General Administration, is given one hour. I feel it is an important motion being a vote of confidence or otherwise in the Government. Therefore item 4 must be discussed fully and my own suggestion is that if the honourable members approve of it, 4, 5 and 6 may be taken together and three hours may be set apart for the discussion. The P. W. D. in any case has two hours but the drawback will be that there will be nobody to answer. The answers will certainly be given by the Secretary. There is no Chief Engineer now and honourable members know that.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : I move that only one hour need be allotted for P. W. D.

President : But my suggestion is if the honourable member discusses with the others, say during lunch time, and gives me a list I shall accept it. But for tomorrow as the other thing is urgent, we shall have these demands 4, 5 and 6 moved together and allotted three hours. Next to that P. W. D. may be discussed. The honourable member may show his list to his colleagues and if they all agree we shall proceed in that order.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : 20, 10 and 11 may be taken together.

President : It is entirely for you to decide. As I say I shall accept the agreed suggestion of the House subject to the rule that if more than one demand are taken together they will be entitled to be allotted the total number of hours allotted for them.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Mr. Kurup and I consulted and agreed.

Mr. K G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: But 20 cannot be taken either with 10 or 11.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : I request that general discussion may be continued tomorrow also.

President : If honourable members say so I have no objection.

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Mr. K. S. Joseph : I would suggest that the adjournment motion fixed for today may be discussed on a non-official day.

President : But there is already another adjournment motion for the non-official day. That is Mr. Narayana Kurup's.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE CUT MADE BY THE ASSEMBLY.

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, since the presentation of the budget at the Joint Session of the Sri Chitra State Council and the Sri Mulam Assembly, all the demands for grants were passed by the Assembly, subject to a cut of Re. 1 in the allotment of Rs. 1,93,31,250 under Demand III—Public Works Department including Water Works and Drainage. This cut has been accepted by Government. I beg to submit that the demands to be moved in this House be amended accordingly.

President : The P. W. D. demand was cut by Rupee one by the other House and the Government have accepted that cut. Now the general discussion commences.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

General Discussion of the Budget.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*) : I rise to congratulate the Financial Secretary for the very progressive budget and the lucid speech he made in introducing it. I wish not to cover the whole ground in my speech. I shall confine my speech to one or two topics, having regard to the limitations of time and the necessity for everybody to make some observations.

First of all, I will make reference to the transport. Sir, you have been kind enough to tell us today that overcrowding would be stopped. We heard it with very great joy, particularly those of us who do not own cars. If overcrowding is to be stopped it will be a great benefit. And now that there are 110 extra vehicles.....

President : But then there is another thing. I find that many of our existing vehicles were really running on dilapidated engines put together, so to say, with strings. We must discard a number of our existing vehicles.

Mr. M. Govindan : If some are to be discarded like that, it is doubtful whether the 110 extra vehicles will be enough to provide for the convenience of the travellers and to enforce the rule with regard to overcrowding.

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